

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
11:00 a.m.**

Members: Council Member Turner Perrow, Chair, Council Member Joan Foster, Council Member Ceasar Johnson

Staff Present: Kimball Payne, Bonnie Svrcek, Gaynelle Hart, Kent White, Lee Newland, Starlette Early

Others Present: none

Contract Awards:

There were no new contracts awarded.

Update on Priority Projects:

Mr. Newland provided a general update on Capital projects, noting the following changes since the last PDC meeting:

- Wards Road Pedestrian Crossing 2B – Working on punch list; final inspection scheduled for May 13th.
- Kemper Street Bridge/Interchange 2B – Bridge demolition underway; working on taking out center spans this week during the night.

There was discussion regarding status of the Lower Bluffwalk Phase 2 project and schedule for official opening. Ms. Hart noted the official opening was waiting for completion of the pedestal for the Water Bearer statue that would be unveiled at the opening.

General Business:

1. ***License Agreement to Install Aerial Fiber Optic Cable on Holcomb Path Road, Richmond Highway and Pleasant Valley Road*** — Centurylink has submitted a request to install approximately 12,700 feet of aerial fiber optic cable in city right-of-way. The city portion of the route begins on Holcomb Path Road (at city limits) and extends along Holcomb Path Road to its intersection at Richmond Highway. It then extends along Richmond Highway to Pleasant Valley Road. The route extends along Pleasant Road to the city limits. There will be no underground installation of fiber cable within the city limits. Centurylink's overall plan is to build a fiber ring leaving Rustburg, Virginia on Route 24 to a cell tower on Cabin Field Rd and leaving Rustburg, Virginia on Route 501 to the cell tower on Cabin Field Rd. The attached route map indicates that portion within the city limits.

Mr. Newland briefed the PDC on the request, and pointed out the proposed path of the cable on a map. There was a question of whether this cable installation would possibly benefit the residents of Tyreeanna. Mr. Newland suggested this was a question that could be confirmed by the Centurylink representative when presented to Council.

With no objections from any member, the PDC agreed to move this request forward to full Council with their recommendation for approval.

2. ***Reallocation of VDOT Revenue Sharing Project for Downtown Streetscapes*** — Since October when the 2016 Revenue Sharing Applications were due to VDOT, the downtown streetscape improvements

to the areas of 7th, 8th, Church and Main streets have come into existence and increased in priority. This work is coordinated with the Downtown Waterline Replacement Program. To be able to use leftover Revenue Sharing funds or project funds that are nearing their expiration, a Resolution requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board to create this new project as a Revenue Sharing Project is required. Currently there are over \$41,000 left in the Northwest Expressway Revenue Sharing project that can be transferred to this project.

Mr. Newland explained the City usually applies in October for Revenue Sharing funds from VDOT. He further explained the City would like to utilize Revenue Sharing funds for the Downtown Streetscapes project, but did not meet the timeframe needed. Therefore, the City will now take a resolution separately to the CTB requesting that leftover funds from the Northwest Expressway Revenue Sharing project be moved into the Downtown Streetscapes project in order to create this project.

There was discussion regarding the blocks of 7th, 8th, Church and Main as a “pilot block” to begin streetscape improvements. Specific details including the profile of Church Street, plan development for the streetscape improvements, and timeline for access to funding if project is approved by CTB were discussed.

With no objections, the PDC was in agreement to move this forward to Council with their recommendation for approval of the resolution.

Roll Call:

Council Member Foster requested a timeline for the Kemper Street Bridge / Interchange project. Mr. Newland indicated the expected completion date is September 2016. She suggested a press release on the nature of this work would be helpful to the public. There was further discussion regarding the inability to properly inspect the current bridge due to construction design and safety precautions in place for removal of the bridge and work to replace.

Council Member Perrow questioned whether the City has any control over the gas company’s work on cutting into streets and the quality of patching the areas disturbed. Mr. Newland indicated the City is making attempts to better coordinate their work.

Next meeting: June 9, 2015